



## 1997 SENATE BILL 395

January 13, 1998 - Introduced by Senator WEEDEN, cosponsored by Representative ROBSON. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 30.056; and **to create** 30.056 (2) of the statutes; **relating**  
2 **to:** a structure in the Rock River in the city of Beloit.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

No person may place structures or deposits or engage in certain other activities that affect navigable waters without having a permit issued by the department of natural resources. Most types of structures require some type of permit, the major exception being piers and wharves that meet certain requirements. The types of activities requiring permits include grading or removing soil from a bank of a stream, constructing or enlarging certain artificial waterways and changing the courses of rivers or streams. Under current law, a structure that is in violation of these permitting requirements is a public nuisance and a district attorney or the state's attorney general may bring an action to require that the structure be removed.

Under this bill, a structure and any activity engaged in order to maintain the structure that was placed in the Rock River in the city of Beloit before January 1, 1967, is exempt from the permitting requirements described above. Additionally, under the bill, no person may be required to remove the structure from the Rock River.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

